

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:276

ANSWERED ON:11.08.2005

PROBLEMS OF GULF PASSENGERS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of problems being faced by the gulf passengers travelling in Air India Express;
- (b) if so, the nature of problems being faced by them;
- (c) whether the Government has received any request/suggestions from the Government of Kerala in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken/proposed to be taken to solve the problems of gulf passengers?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e):- A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 276 FOR 11.08.2005 REGARDING PROBLEMS OF GULF PASSENGERS

(a) and (b) :- Due to non-availability of operating crew, Air India Express had to curtail operations in July-August, 2005 on some Gulf routes from Mumbai and Delhi. However, operations on Kerala-Gulf route remained unaffected.

(c) and (d) :- Yes, Sir. Government of Kerala has requested for deployment of sufficient number of aircraft on the Gulf-Kerala sector.

(e):- There is generally a very high demand for seats in the months of August/September on this sector. However, capacity induction on Gulf operations has been significantly increased this year by a number of airlines including Indian Airlines and foreign carriers to cater to this additional demand.